

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWING FIGURES

The attached Replacement Sheet contains changes to FIG. 3A. Those changes are marked in red on the Annotated Sheet Showing Changes, which is an appendix to this amendment.

No new matter is added by this amendment.

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REMARKS

The Office action dated March 13, 2006, has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in response thereto.

The drawings are objected to because FIG. 3B was considered incorrect in that reference numeral 36 should be changed to 35, according to a statement in the Office action. Applicant respectfully disagrees. FIG. 3B contains reference numerals 35 and 36, and are consistent with the specification. As illustrated in FIG. 3B and described in the specification, the inner surface 35 defines the aperture 40. The inboard radial wall is indicated by reference numeral 36. The inner surface of the aperture is indicated by reference numeral 35. Accordingly, FIG. 3A has been amended by: (a) placing in that figure reference numeral 36 such that it is consistent with FIG. 3B and the specification, (b) changing reference numeral 38 to 35 such that it is consistent with FIG. 3B, (c) changing reference numeral 36 to 37 such that it is consistent with amended paragraph [0028], and (d) adding reference numeral 39 and a lead line pointing to the space recited in Claim 1 and described in amended paragraph [0028]. Space 39 is vacant when the stakes 44 are removed.

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for not being satisfactorily described in the specification. Amended Paragraph [0028] and FIG. 3A, taken together, describe and illustrate the location of the "first diameter," "second diameter," "third diameter," "seat," which replaces "shoulder" in the claims, and the "space" 39. Each of these elements is recited in the claims, as amended. The amended specification supports the claims consistently with the statutory requirement. No new matter has been added.

Claim 1, line 11 has been amended such that the third diameter is smaller than the second diameter. These changes overcome the bases for the rejection.

In view of the amendments to the specification drawing figure and claims, Claims 1-3 and 5-7 appear now in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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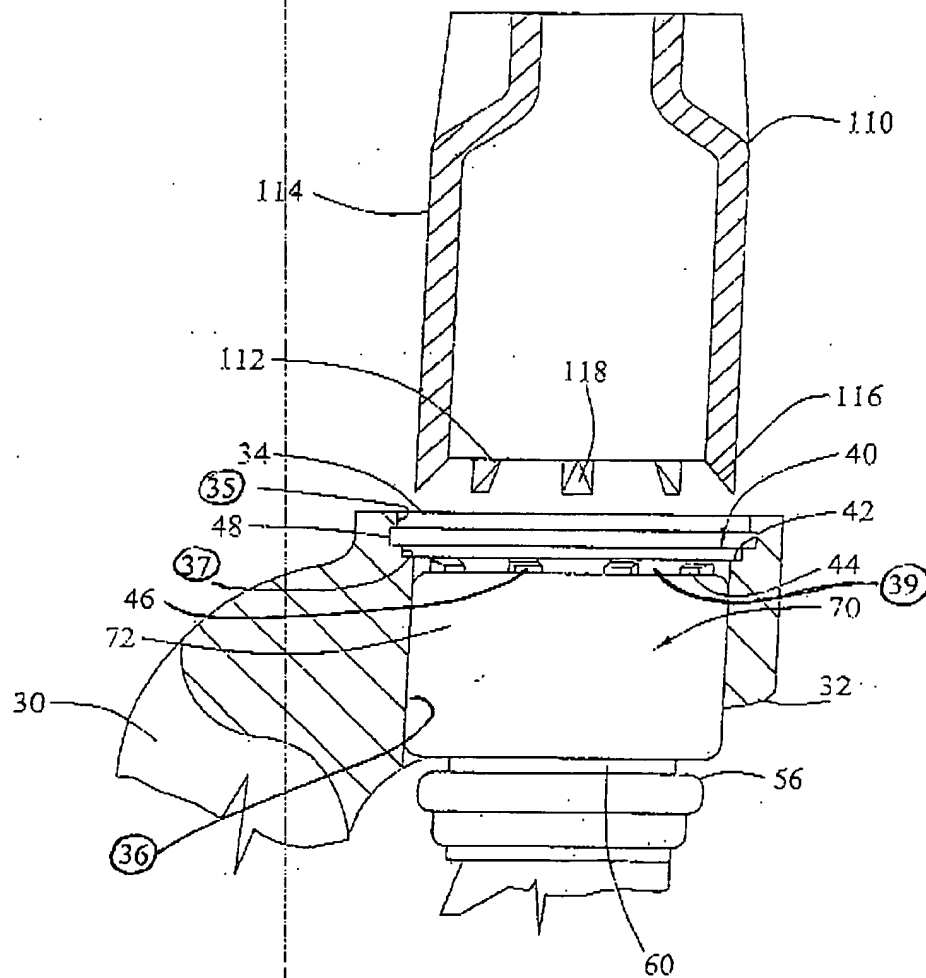


Fig. 3A